

Fair Trade Coffee Supply Chain Report

Fair Trade Coffee Producer

YCFCU (Yirgacheffe Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union)



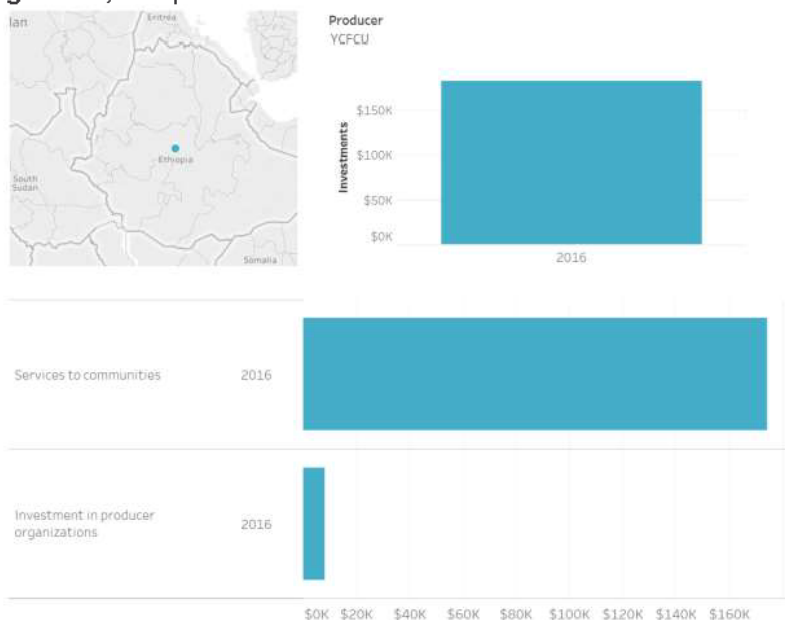
YCFCU is an Ethiopian coffee producing, processing, and exporting cooperative union founded in 2002. YCFCU represents 23 base level cooperatives, all located in the Gedeo Zone, within the Southern Nations Nationalities and People (SNNPR) ethnically-based region of Ethiopia. Given that its members depend on coffee as their sole source of income, YCFCU aims to maximize financial returns to its members through its linkages with international markets.

Membership and Production

Total Number Producer Members	37,812
Male/Female	31,762 / 6,050
Total Board Members	7
Founded	2002
Lbs. Sold on Fair Trade Terms	2,326,094
% of Sales Sold on Fair Trade Terms	60%
Premium Invested in 2016	\$182,273
General Manager	Takele Mammo Deyasso

Premium Investment Categories

Yirgacheffe, Ethiopia 2016



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Primary Fair Trade Premium Investments

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Services to Communities



Title: School Classroom Addition

Funds Invested:
\$30,626

Some children, particularly young girls, of Yirgacheffe's members and the surrounding community were unable to attend school as there was a limited number of rooms in the existing schools to accommodate those children. Yirgacheffe addressed this issue by investing the Premium in building additional rooms within these schools in order for more children to be able to attend school.

Services to Communities



Title: Road Infrastructure

Funds Invested:
\$43,251

In order to more easily transport members' coffee, especially from the processing facilities to the main rural roads, Yirgacheffe invested in building a road that is 6 km long. Any improvement in road infrastructure can take hours off of the time it takes to get members' coffee to export.

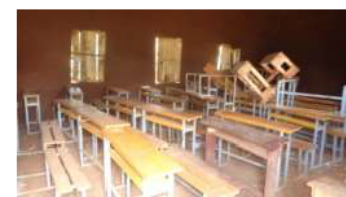
Services to Communities



Title: Food Security

Funds Invested:
\$34,411

Yirgacheffe constructed a flour mill so that members, and the communities that they represent, could have access to a more balanced diet.



PHOTOS (Left to right) Schoolchildren are better accommodated thanks to Yirgacheffe's construction of additional classrooms and infrastructure

